

Francesca Maria Carozzi

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Francesca Maria Carozzi has an MSc in biological sciences and postgraduate degrees in general pathology and in cytopathology.

Over 30 years of activity in the field of oncological prevention, she held a series of senior posts at [ISPRO](#) - Institute for Cancer Prevention in Florence, Italy, serving as Director of the HPV and Molecular Diagnostic Oncology Unit, and Director of the Regional Laboratory for Cancer Prevention (LRPO). The LRPO is a central laboratory processing cervical screening tests for an annual target population of around 260,000 women in the Tuscany region of Italy.

She led the implementation of the HPV screening programme for cervical cancer in Tuscany. In 2014, she became the first female president of the Italian Cervical Cancer Screening Group, and she is currently a member of the coordinating committee.

In the field of cervical cancer prevention, she has acquired advanced technical experience in molecular biology methods applied to screening and vaginal cytology. More recently, she has acquired organisational and management skills that have enabled the implementation of the HPV screening programme throughout the region. She gained experience in the integration of primary and secondary prevention by promoting the consensus conference "How to modify screening programmes in vaccinated women" which led to the nationwide modification of the screening programme for vaccinated women.

She left ISPRO in 2021, and currently teaches cytopathology at the University of Florence